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REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

LABOR'S DAILY, AGED 3
Woodruff Randolph, general president of the International Typographical Union, ran a statement on the first page of the September 16 issue of Labor's Daily. The occasion was the third anniversary of the founding of that paper, published as a national daily in Charleston, W. Va.

President Randolph spoke in his statement of "our struggle to supply long sought but never heretofore established daily newspaper devoted to the interests of the working people of the continent."

He added that "we are trying to reach the minds and hearts of those who need the knowledge and inspiration to equip them to take an intelligent, active part in the betterment of the economic and political interests of those who constitute the great majority of our people."

But—and let this next thing that President Randolph said be printed in boldface type:

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And this seems the proper place to inform our readers that you can subscribe to Labor's Daily by writing to:

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'NO PHONY VIRTUE'

It was on September 16, 1952, that Okey Patteson, then Governor of West Virginia, pressed the button to start the press run for Volume 1, Number 1, of Labor's Daily. An editorial announcement in that first issue said:

"We're here and we're here to stay and fight until the last reactionary and anti-union employer has been vanquished ... Labor's Daily! Brother, that's us!"

That first editorial, says a comment in the third anniversary issue, expressed the "truth, too; not sanctimonious, self-conscious, so-called impartiality. The New York Times with its 'all the news that's fit to print' slogan has been caught suppressing inconvenient news more than once. And the Times, compared to the Hearst press and the Knight and the Scripps-Howard chains, is a paragon of virtue."

And so, argues the anniversary issue, "here there is no mask of phony virtue. Labor's Daily went into business to tell labor's side of the story and that is what it has done."

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A WONDERFUL PAPER

As an editor who follows the same general policy on East Bay Labor Journal, the present writer has no right to argue with Labor's Daily on this. But as a citizen interested in a more earnest search by every group in American society for the full truth on every issue, we'd like to sit down with the Labor's Daily man and have a nice discussion of this question some day.

Meanwhile, though, don't forget that Labor's Daily is a wonderful paper, well worth the subscription price.

Stambaugh Is Back From Denver Meet

Vern Stambaugh, president, Carmen 192, told the Central Labor Council this week that the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway, & Motor Coach Employees held a very successful convention in Denver from which he recently returned.

Stambaugh added that he wished to inform William P. Foley, Insurance Agents 219, who had just made a talk on the need for unions dealing only with unionized insurance agents, that the Carmen would be glad to consider any proposal Foley had to make on health and welfare insurance.

Stambaugh added jokingly that "we'd be glad to sell you a building, too."

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

AUTO MACHINISTS 1546
PLASTERERS 112

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

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HEALTH-WELFARE DIRECTORY. Dr. Forrest Michell, Assistant Superintendent of Oakland Public Schools, (left) is shown holding the newly published "Directory of Health, Welfare, and Recreation Services." The 112-page booklet includes the 265 governmental and voluntary agencies providing such services to the people of Alameda county. To the right of Dr. Michell is Charles Garoni, secretary, AFL Linoleum Layers 1290; then Dr. Harold Maloney, president, Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association; Arthur Hellender, Director, Northern California CIO Community Services. Publication of the Directory has been sponsored by the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association; Building Trades Council of Alameda County-AFL; Central Labor Council of Alameda County-AFL; East Bay Cities Allied Printing Trades Council; and Greater Alameda CIO Industrial Union Council.

Area Welfare Fund Of Painters Has Paid \$1,747,902

Les Moore, secretary of District Council of Painters 16, has received a communication from Clarence Vezey, manager of the Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund, covering Vezey's stewardship from June 1, 1952, through August 31, 1955.

Moore said that he felt thoroughly satisfied with Vezey's account of his stewardship, and feels that under Vezey's management a very definite need has been fulfilled.

Vezey is a member of Berkeley Painters 40 and before becoming the Painters Welfare Fund manager was secretary of that union.

Following is the complete text of the communication to which Moore refers:

To District Council of Painters No. 16

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

For your information, we are pleased to announce that since the Bay Area Painters Welfare Fund Plan has set up its offices and have been administering its own Welfare Fund under labor and management Trusteeship, which began June 1, 1952 and up to and including August 31, 1955, we have paid out \$1,747,902.64 in cash claims for employees, employers, and their dependents, covering disabilities and deaths. We believe this is quite an accomplishment and the painting industry in the Bay Area can be justly proud. We feel this will be of interest to your membership.

During this period of time, we have added benefits on four different occasions, with no increase in premiums. The last additional benefits took effect as of September 1, 1955.

The new booklets showing the increased benefits, will be out about October 10, 1955.

Very truly yours,

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CLARENCE VEZHEY,
Manager

Store Clerks Get Hardware Pay Rise

A new agreement running for five years has been signed by Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265 covering some 100 workers in hardware stores.

The agreement raises the weekly pay of hardware salesmen by \$4.50, bringing it to \$76. It increases by \$4 the weekly pay of household goods salesmen, bringing them to \$59.

The differential between journeymen's pay and that of department heads, which had been \$12.50 for a 44-hour week, is now increased to \$15.

The contract can be reopened yearly on wages, hours, vacations, and health and welfare, according to Russ Mathiesen, secretary-treasurer of Local 1265.

The contract, negotiated with United Employers, Inc., covers the employees of the Simon and the Marcus hardware stores in Oakland, and the S&S Building Supplies Co. in San Lorenzo.

White Top Cab Company Agrees to Negotiate

Robert Taylor, Chauffeurs 932, reported to the Central Labor Council this week that the White Top Cab Co. of San Leandro, which has been picketed for several weeks, has agreed to

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1955

Apple Pickets In East Bay; Andrade Talks, Film Shown

Developments in the strike of Teamster Cannery Workers against apple processing plants in Sebastopol this week included:

1—Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash announced that picketing of various stores in the East Bay was beginning this week to encourage the consumers' boycott of apple sauce produced in Sebastopol behind the Teamsters' picket lines. He added that affiliated unions might be called on to contribute more money to carry on the consumers' boycott.

2—Peter Andrade, director, Teamsters Western Cannery Council, addressed the CLC delegates, pointing out that all unions are affected by the Sebastopol crisis, as the Associated Farmers and W. M. Caldwell's Employers Association hope to win the Sebastopol struggle as a prelude to pressing with vigor their effort to break up unionism in California.

3—A film produced by Retail Clerks 770 in Los Angeles, already shown over TV in that city and San Francisco, was shown to the CLC delegates, containing many interviews with striking men and women from Sebastopol.

4—Court proceedings by employers in Sonoma county, aimed at breaking the strike, continued.

The pickets advertising the consumers' boycott carried handbills telling about the situation in Sebastopol. The ones handed out in front of Safeway stores urged consumers:

"Don't buy Lakemead and Highway canned apple products at your neighborhood Safeway store. Those products are now being canned in Sebastopol under the most flagrantly UNFAIR non-union conditions. We—the regular workers in 8 Sebastopol processing plants — have been forced to strike against a dawn-to-dark, 6-day week (holidays included) at substandard wages, as little as 95 cents an hour."

We respectfully request that you agree to grant the 7½% wage increase in all classifications that the Union has already voted for.

ANDRADE SPEAKS

Andrade pointed out that the strikers are not migratory workers. Most of them were born and reared in the area, live there, pay taxes there, and send children to school there.

He said this was the ninth week of the strike, that the number of persons employed in the Sebastopol processing plants, which turn out a heavy proportion of canned apple materials in the nation, runs from 1200 to 3500.

"The consumer boycott is what will win this strike," he said emphatically. "We owe a great debt to your Central Labor Council secretary and to others for helping us in this, and you are setting up committees to carry on this work, I learn from reading East Bay Labor Journal."

"This is a fight affecting all labor in the State. If Caldwell's Employers Association and the Associated Farmers defeat us they will be encouraged to spread their anti-union activities, which have already done damage elsewhere in California."

Andrade said the fight is costing the Teamsters from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a week, and that they are prepared to spend a million dollars if necessary.

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ADA Tilden Park Picnic Saturday

Tom J. Roberts, Engineers 39, called the attention of the Central Labor Council this week to the picnic and workshop of the Americans for Democratic Action, East Bay Chapter, to be held Saturday, October 1, at Tilden Park in the Upper Anza View Picnic Area.

"The Future of Liberalism in California" is the theme of the gathering.

The affair begins at noon and lunch will be followed by the keynote address by Robert E. Fitch, dean of the Pacific School of Religion at 2 p.m. in the Brazilian room.

A panel will discuss "Political Power, Community Structure, City Planning, and Civil Rights."

Members of the panel include former Mayor Launce Cross of Berkeley, Berkeley City Councilman Jeffrey Cohelan, Lawrence Spicer, Catherine Bauer, and Max Yonemura.

Child care will be provided during the panel and speech program. Those attending are asked to bring their own picnic lunch. Roberts said that free beer will be served. Anyone interested is invited. Details can be gotten by telephoning LA 5-8487 or TH 3-9985.

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Bassett Bothered By AFL Democrats

W. J. Bassett, secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, in his regular column, entitled "Bassett Says," in the September 23 issue of the Los Angeles Labor Citizen, criticizes the forming of the AFL Committee for Graves and Roybal.

Following is the complete text of the announcing letter:

TO ALL AFL AFFILIATED UNIONS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

Greetings:

As a result of a recent meeting of those formerly affiliated with the AFL Committee for Graves and Roybal held in San

the Democratic Platform both

BTC October 4 Meeting Marks Start of Biweekly Schedule

The Building Trades Council this week held its final meeting on the old weekly schedule.

Beginning with the next meeting, Tuesday, October 4, the council will meet twice a month, that is, on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

This decision was made recently after full discussion reported in the September 16 issue of East Bay Labor Journal.

The Board of Business Agents is empowered to conduct any essential business during the intervals between meetings.

THAD STEVENS RETIRES

Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304, announced that Thad Stevens of Local 304, for many years BTC sergeant-at-arms, had resigned from that office because of the recent amputation of one leg he was leaving California and going to live with his daughter at 2923 Mitchell street, Camden, N. J.

Stevens' resignation was accepted with regrets, and it was mentioned that he would appreciate receiving cards or letters from his friends. Abel Silva, Hod Carriers 166, chairman of the board of trustees, pointed out that Stevens had served the council long and faithfully, and it was agreed that the same type of gift which has been given to other retiring officers, or its money equivalent, would be sent to him.

On nomination by Jones, Burt Oas, vice president of Laborers 304, was elected sergeant-at-arms. Anthony Schiano of Local 304 was seated as a delegate in Stevens' place.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Notice was received that the Far Western Conference of Building Trades Councils will be held at Reno November 5-6, with a get-acquainted banquet and dance Friday, November 4; all resolutions to be at the San Francisco office of the conference by October 26.

The council voted to send as delegates President J. S. Miller and Business Agent J. L. Chilvers.

Ernie Mulgrew, Teamsters 70, is a vice president of the Far Western Conference, having been elected to that office two years ago. The conference covers 5 States, and devotes itself especially to problems arising in big Government projects.

PLEASANTON HOTEL

Childers reported that Bouquet Cohn, owner of the Pleasanton Hotel, after the place had been picketed, had agreed to have work done by union contractors.

He said this was the ninth week of the strike, that the number of persons employed in the Pleasanton processing plants, which turn out a heavy proportion of canned apple materials in the nation, runs from 1200 to 3500.

A man was found on the job laying tile who when asked if he had a union card, said Childers, produced a card showing membership in a San Francisco culinary union, and said he had been doing carpentry work, painting, and whatever else needed to be done on the hotel job.

Childers said he believed this job would have to be watched closely.

SEARS ROEBUCK STRIKE

Frank DeMartini, secretary, Teamsters 70, asked strike sanction against Sears Roebuck, which was granted.

PIPER RESTAURANT

The Joint Board of Culinary Workers wrote thanking Childers for assistance and cooperation in signing up the Piper restaurant in Berkeley.

Childers reported later that the restaurant, non-union for

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**William P. Fee Is
In the Hospital**

William P. Fee, assistant secretary, Central Labor Council, is at the Kaiser Foundation hospital, where he very recently underwent an operation, Secretary Robert S. Ash announced at the CLC meeting this week.

"At the hospital," said Ash, "they report that he is doing well. The nature of the illness is not known to us. So far, visitors are not permitted."

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Congressman Tells CLC Ike's Illness Means GOP Fracas

Speaking Monday to

BTC October 4 Meeting Marks Start of Biweekly Schedule

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spoke of his long and faithful service as a council officer.

DELEGATES' EXPENSE

Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, suggested there be a definite rule as to the amount of expenses and wages for members of the council sent out of town to conferences and conventions.

MIAMI BEACH

Secretary John Davy, in reply to a letter he had been authorized by the council to send to National Commander Seaborn Collins of the American Legion asking that the Legion transfer its convention from Miami Beach due to the mistreatment of culinary workers there, replied: 1. Legion doesn't take a stand on either side in labor disputes; 2. Legion plans its convention two years in advance, and has already spent \$85,000 on the Miami Beach arrangements; 3. National Commander doesn't have the authority to move the convention, and it would cost \$12,000 to call the executive board together; 4. No other city could handle the convention at this late date.

PETKER CITED

At the request of Tile Layers 19, Lincoln G. Petker was cited to appear before the Board of Business Agents to show cause why he should not be placed on the We Don't Patronize list.

TULARE-KINGS BTC

The Tulare-Kings Counties BTC wrote about its struggle with California Employers Association, and asked for financial aid.

CRUSADE THANKS

United Crusade wrote thanking the council for 1954 contributions.

DENTAL CONFERENCE

Childers reported on confering with representatives of the State Dental Association on the possibility of creating a prepaid dental plan within health and welfare. Childers was accompanied at the conference by William Norman, Hod Carriers 166; William Phalanger, Roofers 81; Joe Souza, Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939; Ernie Vernon, Automatic Machinists 1546.

C. W. DORWIN'S DEATH

Ed Fisher, Plumbers 444, said that in the death of C. W. Dorwin, secretary of the California Furnace Dealers Association and executive director of the Builders Exchange, the industry had lost a man whom all agreed was one fair to deal with, and universally respected. Rutledge said that this was recognized by all who had dealt with Dorwin. The council voted to extend expressions of sympathy to the bereaved family.

BUSINESS TRANSACTED AT EARLIER BTC MEETING

At the previous meeting of the BTC the following business, not reported in East Bay Labor Journal at the time because of crowded space, was transacted:

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Labor Editors Go To School at UC

Labor editors and University professors attending the first session of the Labor Editors' Seminar on Economic Analysis Saturday were much pleased with the success of the opening session.

Dr. R. A. Gordon, professor of economics, using blackboard and pointer, explained how Childers in getting the Learner Investment Co. to sign with the unions for work at Springfield in that State.

SWIMMING POOLS

The San Mateo County BTC wrote about organizing swimming pool contractors, and announced a meeting on the subject to be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, October 4, at Engineers Hall, 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

HOUSING STANDARDS

Oakland Mayor Cliff Rishell informed the council by letter that Childers has been appointed to the advisory committee on housing standards and the enforcement of such standards in connection with urban renewal.

SIGN PAINTERS

Childers was invited by letter to speak at the Western Conference of Sign, Display, and Pictorial Unions at Hotel Whitcomb in San Francisco Monday October 3.

SCOTT SEED CO.

The Building Trades Council was notified at its September 20 meeting by the BTC of Columbus, Ohio, that the Scott Seed Co., processors of seed and fertilizers on a national scale has been listed as unfair to organized labor.

YARD BEAUTIFUL

The citation letter of the Yard Beautiful concern was returned to the BTC unclaimed. The firm was ordered put on the We Don't Patronize list.

UTILITY RATES

Secretary John Davy was authorized to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors commending them for proposing that utility rates be reduced by the amount of the tax saving to such corporations ordered by the State Board of Equalization.

SHEET METAL FIRM

The Contra Costa BTC was requested to put the American Sheet Metal Co. on its We Don't Patronize list.

Washington State New Welfare Law

SEATTLE — Washington State's new law regulating union health-and-welfare funds—the most stringent in the country—goes into operation with the mailing of questionnaires to fund administrators by the State Insurance Commissioner.

Under the new law, passed with strong labor support by the 1955 legislature, the questionnaires will require welfare-fund administrators, insurance companies and health-service contractors which underwrite welfare plans to make an accounting of premiums received, benefits paid, commissions or fees paid to agents, and retention rates. A complete financial statement and audit will be required annually.

The new law, which went into effect June 23, directs Insurance Commissioner William A. Sullivan to examine each fund at least once every five years, and empowers him to conduct public hearings and subpoena witnesses. Persons failing to comply are liable to a maximum penalty of a \$1,000 fine and a year in jail. "We're going to apply the same tactics in examining welfare units as now pertinent to insurance companies," Sullivan said.—Labor's Daily.

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ANDREW J. BIEMILLER, secretary of the AFL Committee on Atomic Energy, urged that AFL unions set up programs to prepare for the peaceful use of atomic energy.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

WHEN WE HEAR that there are around some 150,000 children enrolled in the schools of Alameda County, we begin to think that the school business is big business indeed.

Time was when the school district's trustees considered their task completed when they provided a school, light and heat, a teacher, and if the school was big enough, a janitor.

Lunches, transportation, books, slates, pencils, tablets—all these were the parent's responsibility.

In cities, schools were in walking distance. In the country, the horse and buggy, the spring wagon, or the back of the horse provided what transportation was necessary.

A walk of a mile or two was not excessive; kids took their time, and had lots of fun.

Within a comparatively few years, the whole thing has snow-balled. This is especially so in California where our population increases daily by leaps and bounds.

And for some strange reason, many parents have, at the same time, abdicated responsibility. It is true that we have Parent-Teacher organizations as never before, and many devoted parents giving much time and thought to the problems of the school.

Many parents, however, have assumed that the schools will take care of a great many of their finer duties. As the schools have taken over more functions, the parents have expected more of them.

But good as our schools and teachers are, the home still has a function that the school cannot perform. Training in habits of work, in habits of study, in ethics and behavior, remain the functions of the home and the parents.

We do not want our children to become simply wards of the state.

Therefore, to the schools many duties is added the one of reminding parents of certain of their duties which remain incapable.

Representatives of labor parents attending were:

Dick Marriott, editor, Sacramento Labor Bulletin.

Frank Anderson and Charles Emerson, Olympic Press editors.

Joe Belardi, Agnes Barnhill, and Sam Hagler of the Voice of the Cooks. Bill Kilpatrick, editor of that publication, had intended to be present, but was delayed at the last moment.

The editor of East Bay Labor Journal and Joe Belardi got together for a private conference on the glories of Alabama, their home State.

Frank N. Jones, editor, Building Trades Report.

Lillian Elner, editor, the Twenty-niner, published by Office Employees 29.

Louis Burgess and William Mullin, editor and advertising manager, respectively, of East Bay Labor Journal.

John Hutchinson, coordinator of labor programs for the UC Institute of Industrial Relations, who had made arrangements for the seminar in cooperation with Dr. Van Dusen Kennedy, was present, as was Dr. Joseph Garbarino, associate professor of industrial relations, who is expected to discuss economic issues at a later session.

Dr. Arthur M. Ross, head of the Institute of Industrial Relations, when he was called upon by the editor of East Bay Labor Journal and thanked for having made possible the seminar requested by the editors, pushed aside the editor's remark that "our group is small, and it seems you people have to go to a good deal of trouble for so small a group."

"We don't measure things like this by the size of the gate," replied Dr. Ross. "Your group may be small, but it is an important one in the economic life of the State."

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

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Congressman Tells CLC Ike's Illness Means GOP Fracas

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peace comes, and it may come sooner than we expect, the great outlet for hard goods will be the Pacific Basin," and the need for a merchant marine will then be obvious, and people here will benefit by the big trade that will be manufactured at Redwood City.

The President has reached an age where possibly such a gadget is necessary.

Miller said he hoped to visit the council again before the January session, but "I may have to go to the Orient."

Miller's final solemn word was:

"Not now, nor in the foreseeable future does labor dare to let down its guard. The only articulate voice for the interests of all the people of the United States is the labor movement."

Ash Urges Unions To Back Crusade

The following letter has been sent to all unions affiliated with the Central Labor Council:

TO ALL AFFILIATED UNIONS: Greetings!

Reports of Steamfitter Delegates

By JIM MARTIN

Our next meeting to be held project which will be built by October 6, 1955 will be a Kellogg Company for the Standard Oil Company, Richmond Refinery. This job will start November 1st and will employ at your delegates to the California State Federation of Labor convention and the United Association National Apprenticeship Contest, which was held recently at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana.

At this meeting General Organizer Archie Virtue will present prizes and plaques to the apprentices of Local 342 who participated in the California State Apprenticeship Contest in July of this year. These apprentices are Bobbie Beson, fifth year apprentice, 3rd place winner, Henry Schram, fourth year apprentice, 1st place winner and Norman Cogar, third year apprentice, 1st place winner.

We are very happy to report that General President Martin P. Durkin is making steady progress in recovering his health following his recent operation.

Most of our members are employed at the present time and as new projects are due to start in the very near future the employment situation will be very good throughout the winter and into next year.

The fertilizer plant is a new project early in 1957.

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER**Theater Union Notes Fox Changes**

By JOE CONNELLY

Harold Seidenberg, city manager of the Fox Theaters in Philadelphia is slated to move to Oakland as city manager for Fox West Coast Theaters here, according to Saturday's Tribune.

For many years past the manager of the Paramount has acted in a dual capacity, doubling in brass as city manager.

At the time of John Nylen's appointment as manager of the Paramount, no mention was made of the City management.

It hardly seems likely, in view of the diminishing size of the company's holdings in Oakland that these posts would be separated at this time. On the other hand no mention has been made of Seidenberg actually managing a house here.

Billions Club Has 68 Members Now

CHICAGO—The nation's "Billion-Dollar Club" now has 68 members—an all-time high. Each has more than a billion dollars in assets, and together their assets total \$185,211,466,357.

Included in the list are 28 industrial firms, one fewer than at the close of 1953. Fifteen insurance firms and 25 banks and finance corporations make up the rest.

Largest of the group is an insurance firm, Metropolitan Life, with \$12.3 billion in assets. The Bell System is next with \$12 billion. Prudential follows with \$10.9 billion, and the biggest financial house, the Bank of America, is fourth with \$8.5 billion in assets.

Nine oil companies are among the 28 industrial firms, headed by Standard Oil of New Jersey with \$5.4 billion in assets.—Labor's Daily.

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**To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546**

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Plasterers 112

IMPORTANT: To All Members of Local 112: The business agent was instructed at the meeting August 18 to remove all men from the job who are 3 months or over in arrears on dues. So you can see, brothers, the business agent has no alternative, as he must act under a clear order from the local.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE WHITTON,
Secretary-Treasurer

Hayward Painters 1178

Comes the next regular meeting of this Local on Friday, October 7. A real point of interest at this meeting will be the selection of a date for our Christmas Party. We have the choice of Friday, December 16 or Friday the 23rd. Come out and choose the date.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Alameda County School Employees 257

The next regular meeting will be held Saturday, October 1, at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, at 2 p.m. The executive board will meet at 12:30 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
JOE FALLS,
Secretary AN 1-9587

Cemetery Workers No. 322

The October meeting has been moved to Tuesday, October 4, 1955, 8 p.m., Hall L, 3rd floor, Labor Temple.

The second section of the contract will be reviewed at this time. Cordially and fraternally EDWARD REITH, Business Representative

STROKES OF THE BRUSH FROM LOCAL No. 127**Vacation Reports from Painters 127**

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

Vacation over and back on the beyond the rest of us common job after 2 weeks during which herd the news we received from some 3500 miles covered 7 Hermit Valley high up in the states, 2 countries driving like hell, fishing here and there, trying to cram into 2 weeks what should ordinarily take 2 months and then glad to be back to the regular grind. Like most everyone we were glad to go but a damned sight gladder to be back.

During our absence we reluctantly report the death of 3 of our brothers. Brother William (Bill) Mulhare top foreman for M. Williams & Sons and with whom your scribe worked with for many years passed away on September 10th, at Kaiser hospital after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. Brother Carl Ostrum an old timer of the local, retired for the past few years passed away on September 19th after a lengthy illness. Brother Gustave (Gus) Pearson, long time member of the local passed away on September 25th, after an illness of some duration.

Your scribe, the officers and members of the local union wish to express their deep sympathies to the families of our departed brothers. The Good Lord calls and time marches on. Work conditions for the brothers remains tops with many, many more calls than we possibly can provide men for. For these contractors who call in for men and who do not receive them we say many thanks. Brother Peaslee and your scribe and the office girl is trying to keep the man problem supplied but if we do not have the men we can not send them out. We hope and trust that this condition continues as there is nothing more pleasing to your representatives than to have more calls than we can provide men for. Looks like this condition will remain for some time.

Some discussion arose in the office about the dead eye shooting ability of brothers (Poker) Kessel and (Open Door) Elmo. Both being crack shots over and

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

WATCH IT WITH WATCHMAKERS**New Clauses in Watchmakers' Pact**

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

The membership at the San Francisco meeting last week approved the new agreement that was negotiated between the union and the large retail jewelry stores. We are now in the process of having the agreements printed and they will be in the mail shortly. The changes are not too drastic, however, were necessitated due to the activities of certain employers. The modifications in the new agreement are as follows:

(a) The firm agrees not to advertise any price in connection with watch or clock repairing and/or watch or clock crystals. Price advertising of watch attachments or accessories when used in conjunction with a watch or clock repair is also prohibited. The word "free" or any other word that conveys the thought that it is "free" is also prohibited.

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(c) The firm agrees not to guarantee any repaired watch or clock for more than six months, as long as the Proprietor Member of the Watchmakers Union Local 101 does not violate this paragraph. The firm further agrees it will not hold members of this Union responsible to the Firm for a guarantee of their work in excess of ninety (90) days.

The agreement is a one year agreement.

SAN JOSE MEETING NOTICE: The next membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4th at 8 p.m.—Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St., San Jose.

EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1955 3**UP THE LADDER WITH PAINTERS No. 40****Painters 40 Will Start Blood Bank**

By BEN RASNICK

A few weeks ago in this column, the brothers were asked to help one of our members. This brother didn't come into our office begging for charity, nor is he some transient bum. He is a good hard working union man worthy of helping hand. His wife has suffered a very lengthy illness and has had to have many blood transfusions. This office thought it would be a fine gesture if some of the brothers would donate some blood to replace that which was used, thereby easing the financial burden on this brother. Well, the response wasn't as good as we hoped it would be and consequently brought this suggestion to light. Why doesn't this local start its own blood bank? Blood donated by the membership would be used free of charge by any of the members in case of an illness necessitating transfusions. This wouldn't be like donating to some far off charity. Here is an opportunity for us to participate in something that will be of direct benefit to our membership and perhaps to your family. Let's go to work on this idea and give it some thought between now and our next meeting.

Brother James McPhee is out of the hospital now but hasn't gone back to work yet. Brother Earl Getts is in Herrick Memorial Hospital and brother Ed Samuels is in Providence Hospital. Both brothers convalescing after operations.

A reminder to the brothers who haven't paid this quarters dues yet. You have until the end of this week and then you will be suspended. We are having a very good working year and there is no excuse why a member who has been working steadily cannot pay his dues to organizations that are constantly improving wages and conditions in this area. Let this local be accused of having its hand out all the time, may I remind the delinquent brothers that your hand is out too, accepting wages and conditions and the protection of organized labor, yet so darn reluctant to share in helping defray the costs of

The office of the Welfare Plan would still like all the brothers to ask their personal physicians if they would be willing to go along with the schedules as set forth in the Welfare Plan booklet. If your doctor is willing to do this would you notify the office of the Welfare Plan?

Our next regular meeting will be October 1, and remember the Executive Board meets the same evening at 7:00 p.m.

OLD AGE PENSION group meets in Oakland, October 1, Saturday, 1:30 p.m., Key System Employees Bldg., 410 Eleventh St.

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OPINIONS

CONSUMERS

Editor, Labor Journal:

Re: a letter recently discussing Margolius and the Consumer Reports . . . I've been a group leader for C. U. for several years now, and despite the fact that a group subscription costs only \$3.50 instead of \$5.00 per year, there is always the difficulty of getting enough renewals to keep the group going.

If anyone would like to join the group subscribing now, I'd be more than happy to help with any details they'd like to have. \$3.50 for the 11 monthly reports plus the big annual buying guide which is available only to subscribers.

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'OBsolescence'

B. Earl Puckett, chairman of Allied Stores Corporation, summed up the marketer's approach to selling with the comment that 'forced obsolescence' is the heart of the American system of moving goods. In effect, he said producers of goods have a responsibility to outmoded the things they have sold, in order to sell newer merchandise.—New York Times

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IKE'S BOSS

This city (Washington) is going through one of its invisible but vitally significant annual proofs of who's boss. Except in periods of crisis, President Eisenhower reigns but does not rule a good deal of the time. But his true vizier, George Magoffin Humphrey, never stops ruling any of the time—Joseph Alsop.

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RITES OVERDUE

Health, Education and Welfare Sec. Folsom has indicated he is considering scrapping the Administration's health insurance program, which—in keeping with the GOP philosophy—would guarantee voluntary health plan profits but not the people's health. It's time someone had the courage to bury it.—CIO News.

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PERCENTAGE

The percentage increase of well-read and informed persons is meager enough over the past century. If anyone has an answer for the problem, he can bring on a new and unexampled civilization on this continent.—Royce Brier, in the Chronicle.

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AFFILIATE!

May we suggest that, if you are not already affiliated with both your state federation of labor and your city central body (and your building trades council for building crafts), you take up the matter at your next union meeting and get back in the union mainstream.—Colorado Labor Advocate.

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MATT WOLL

If any American trade unionist can be properly called the spiritual heir of Samuel Gompers, the founder and first president of the American Federation of Labor, that man is Matthew Woll. —Chicago Federation News.

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EDITORIALS

Mr. Lawrence Is Left Cold

Sam Blanford of the Machinists called the attention of Central Labor Council delegates recently to what he believed to be a debate between Raymond Lawrence of the Oakland Tribune and the editor of East Bay Labor Journal.

Of course, one can't prove that it is a debate, for while East Bay Labor Journal in its editorial of September 9 headlined its comment "Mr. Raymond Lawrence is Worried," Mr. Lawrence himself in his seeming rejoinder of September 16 led off in the usual timorous style of a big paper fearful of mentioning a smaller one by saying:

"The recent remarks in this space about the \$25,000 grant of the Fund for the Republic to Stanford University for a dubious study of leading witnesses on Communism and civil liberties has brought some criticism. The criticism leaves this writer cold."

As Brother Blanford remarked, while Mr. Lawrence claimed to be left cold, "he got pretty well warmed up" as he proceeded to answer the unmentionable critic.

Far be it from us to crow over one of Mr. Lawrence's main rejoinder points coming a cropper. But we might at least mention it without being accused of gloating. For Mr. Lawrence solemnly cited the National Commander of the American Legion as saying that "it appears that the Fund for the Republic . . . is threatening and may succeed in crippling the national security."

Just two days later the former Commander of the Illinois Legion sent an open letter to the National Commander asking how come he was saying such things about the Fund for the Republic when just a little while ago the National Commander had been praising the Illinois Legion's "Education for Freedom" program which the Fund for the Republic is financing.

This was of course embarrassing to the National Commander, and would be to Mr. Lawrence if Brother Blanford and the editor of East Bay Labor Journal were so rude as to rub it in, which of course neither of us would dream of doing. All we'd say was that certain nameless editors of certain anonymous dailies published in a certain city west of New York, Kansas City, and way stations, sometimes have their citations of high authorities deflated by subsequent events.

Knight Gets Both Shoulders Wet

Carrying water on both shoulders is hard work. But Goody Knight is very industrious along that line, even if both shoulders of his coat get soaking wet.

Last year he lacked the courage to follow President Eisenhower's action in proclaiming United Nations Day because he was afraid of offending the rabid reactionary fanatics who love him as their pal and hate the United Nations as a step toward a better world. But this year he has solved the problem.

His office announces that the mighty mind of the Governor has thunk it all out thoroughly. It seems that to appease the reactionaries he will proclaim October 23 as "United States Day," the recent invention of Governor Lee of Utah, the gentleman who is so far to the right that he practically thinks of Ike as a Commie. Then the very next day, October 24, will be proclaimed by Goody as United Nations Day, which it is. We suggest that the day after that, October 25, he proclaimed as "Straddle with Knight Day."

Did This Happen in Miami Beach?

E. V. Durling in the S. F. Examiner tells of a resort hotel which on a card of tip suggestions indicated that it would be nice to tip the waitress 25 cents per meal per person. That means, says Durling, that "the family of four was expected to pay their waitress \$21 a week in tips."

Maybe the resort hotel was in Miami Beach, where from all we hear the hotel management expect to get by without paying their waitresses or any other of their workers enough to live on. Nothing like getting the customers to foot the bill!

Incidentally, many labor people feel that the day will come when no union member will need to accept tips, or would wish to, because collective bargaining will in that heavenly day provide every member of every union with a decent living.

Birds of a Feather

President Eisenhower's "Golf Cabinet," the big fellows who met with him informally at the Colorado White House recently, included the president of Continental Oil, chairman of Coca Cola board, chairman of General Electric board, president of Frankfort Distilleries, Continental Can board chairman, Firestone Tire & Rubber president, Corning Glass Works chairman, one of the officers of General Motors, and a couple of New York investment bankers.

No wonder Thomas L. Stokes, national newspaper columnist, has remarked that Democrats, in buttressing their "Big Business" charge against the Republican Administration, need do little "more than point to newspaper accounts of the golf and bridge lists in Denver."

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Machinists Put On Union Label Show

Machinist lodges in cooperation with the Machinist Women's Auxiliary recently put on a union label exhibit at St. George's Hall.

Roy Blanford reported that Roy Heinrichs of Typographical 36 enlivened the affair with an excellent speech on the label.

"Heinrichs certainly showed that he knows what's to be known about the union label," said Blanford.

AFL BUS DRIVERS, member of Carmen & Motor Coach Employees 1225, have been assured by Pacific Greyhound that the union will be recognized and bargaining rights preserved if the company splits off its Bay Area commuter service into a separate operation. H. B. Markley, business agent, says a vote is being taken to strike if the new subsidiary fails to establish "adequate protection for our members."

The printing firm is protesting a proposal that the great register be published with a de-

vice not involving the use of type.

AFL UNIONS have organized 300,000 workers in Texas, the bulk of them in the building trades, according to a study by Dr. Frederic Meyers of the University of Texas.

Printing Firm Demands That Great Register Be Published As Law Says

Jack Austin, Typographical 36, reported to the Central Labor Council recently that a big printing firm has brought an action in the courts, demanding that the State law be obeyed in the publishing of the great register of voters.

The law requires the printing to be done with a certain sized type with a certain space between the lines—8 point type on an 8 point slug, to use the trade term.

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FOURTH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, comprising Butte, Yuba, and Sutter counties, will be represented by a Republican, H. T. Sedgwick, as the result of the recent election to fill the seat made vacant by the death of Don Hobble, Oroville Republican. A. W. Coats, Democrat, was backed by organized labor. The Sunday Knave devoted space to a hefty gloat over the defeat of labor.

Thad Stevens Goes To Live in East

Thad Stevens, Laborers 304, and recently reelected to a 3-year term as sergeant-at-arms of the Building Trades Council, has gone to New Jersey to live at a daughter's home.

Stevens recently had to have a leg amputated as the result of an old ailment. He has recovered splendidly from the operation, says Paul L. Jones, secretary, Laborers 304.

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(Continued from Last Week)

AUGUST 19, 1955

Oakland City Council voted down 8 to 1 the proposal to permit a motel to be built at 14th and Oak streets. Both the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council had backed the proposal. City Councilman John W. Holmdahl cast the one vote for the proposal.

State Federation of Labor convention was in session all week in San Diego. Vice Presidents Robert S. Ash and Paul L. Jones from Alameda county (District 10) were reelected without opposition. A feature of the convention was a stirring speech by AFL President George Meany, in which he discussed the important political implications of the approaching merger of AFL and CIO. Governor Goodwin J. Knight was another featured speaker.

Office Employees 29 ended its 6-day strike against Kaiser Foundation Hospital, President John Kinnick announcing that the union had won its major point, that the present 3-year contract, with annual reopening for wages, be continued, instead of having a shift to an 18-month basis, which was management's demand. The 250 strikers also won a wage increase.

Violence supposed to have been stimulated by farm organizations in Sonoma county against Teamster Organizer William Grami attracted much attention at the State Fed convention. The Teamsters were striking against some of the big apple processing plants around Sebastopol.

AUGUST 26, 1955

Kaiser Foundation Hospital was criticized by Richard Groulx, Office Employees 29, for having surprisingly, during the negotiations and recent strike of the union against the hospital, done "everything you can expect anti-union people to do."

Building Trades Council lined up preparations for playing an active role in the drive for Oakland school bonds. **J. L. Chil-**

labor, **BTC** business representative, is chairman of the Citizens Committee of Five, a citizens' group cooperating with the Oakland Board of Education to spread understanding among citizens about the needs of the school system. **BTC** President **J. S. Miller** appointed **Chester Bartalini**, **Carpenters 36**, representative of the council on the enlarged Citizens Committee.

"What can you do about the flood of cheap caskets pouring into East Bay from other cities?" They implied, said Nitzsche, that if this "flood" were stopped, some concessions might be made in the new agreement.

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